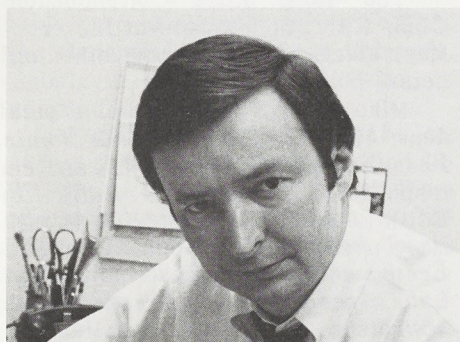


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Priaulx to Shape New OPC Forum; Goldstein Heads House Committee



Allan Priaulx

Allan Priaulx, editor of King Features Syndicate, has been named by President Henry Gellermann to head a new OPC activity, the OPC Leaders Forum.

"The Forum," Priaulx explained, "will provide a regular opportunity for club members to listen to and talk with outstanding figures in the press, broadcasting, politics and diplomacy."

"It is the linear descendant of the Shop Talk program, and will borrow heavily from the successful format developed by that group. Some of the sessions will be lunches, others will be more informal talks and Q-and-A sessions early in the evening."

"The first programs will be held in September. We anticipate a frequency of one program every three or four weeks."

Priaulx was vice president and executive editor of the Register & Tribune Syndicate before joining King in 1976. He ran the New York office of RTS, established its first international sales and distribution system and helped shape the *Christian Science Monitor* News Service.

Before getting into syndication, Priaulx was with UPI for eight years, as Paris bureau chief, Honolulu bureau manager and correspondent and editor in bureaus in New England and New York City. He was educated at Dartmouth, the New School and the University of Southampton in England. He is co-author, with Sanford J. Ungar, of "The Almost Revolution," a history of the student-labor upheaval in France in 1968.



Nathan W. Goldstein

The club has a new house committee chairman, Nathan W. Goldstein, whom everyone calls Nat. His appointment has been announced by President Henry Gellermann.

"Since there is a tight ban on kickbacks in this job," Nat said on taking over, "the best I can do is to work for a minimum of kicks from OPC members and their guests. As I experience the club's facilities and services, I find them generally pretty good."

"But things can always be better, and we'll work to achieve that. May I make one suggestion to our members? If you have any complaint, please bring it to me first — before you take your gripe out on any club employee. This makes for better relations all around, and, I'm sure, results in better service."

Before his new job, Nat had spent 50 years at *The New York Times*, rising from messenger to circulation director. During his tenure, *The Times* achieved its highest daily and Sunday circulation. When he retired in 1973, Mayor John V. Lindsay awarded him a citation "for distinguished and exceptional service to New York City." And Turner Catledge, retired executive editor of *The Times*, said, "If all the people who love Nat loved each other, there would be peace in the world."

Nat, who now practices as a PR consultant, is a member of the Police commission in Stamford, Conn., where he resides.

OPC Award Winner Booted from Iran

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Iranian government advised UPI correspondent Sajid Rizvi June 21 that his visa, which expired June 17, would not be renewed and he must leave the country.

Two officials of the Iranian foreign ministry said the decision had been taken by the revolutionary council in line with a government policy announced last April that the visas of journalists working for American news organizations would not be renewed as they expired.

The officials said Rizvi also had been accused of "biased reporting," but they gave no specific examples of inaccuracies.

Rizvi asked to be allowed to remain in Tehran for a month to clear up bureau affairs.

Rizvi is a Pakistani national who recently won the 1980 Overseas Press Club first prize for International Reporting for his dispatches from Iran. He has been expelled twice before.

On Nov. 10, 1978, he was ordered out by Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's regime, but was permitted to return a week later.

Rizvi left again last Feb. 18 when all correspondents for the American media were expelled by the Islamic regime that overthrew the shah. He returned early April.

Rizvi's departure will leave the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and *Christian Science Monitor* as the only American news organizations with direct representation in Tehran.

The British news agency, *Reuters*, and the Italian and French national news agencies also are still operating. The Canadian press agency is functioning with an Iranian correspondent.

Correspondents for *The New York Times* and *Newsweek* were recently refused visa renewals.

Two British reporters, working for the *Daily Mail* and the *Guardian* were recently arrested and deported and an American freelance writer, Cynthia

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IPI: Fighting Government Press Control

By DWIGHT SARGENT

FLORENCE, ITALY—The International Press Institute's 29th Annual Assembly reconfirmed the faith of its founders who believed in the adage about strength in unity, and the need for faithful disciples of a free press to spread the gospel.

It was a pleasure to be the unofficial representative of the Overseas Press Club of America as 300 journalists assembled in a city that bristles with art, history and the legends of the Medicis. About 50 Americans were present as well as representatives of 40 other countries.

We all had to twist our tongues a bit and bend our ears to keep up with the multi-lingual proceedings. Versatile linguists translated all dissertations and interventions into English, French, Italian, German and Japanese.

The above dateline, while well-known in America, came out in the more mellifluous "Firenze," "Florenz," and "Florenca," depending on one's nationality.

Despite such minor differences, the tie that bound us all together was dedication to the free flow of information throughout the world. Although freedom of the press means different things in different countries, the spirit behind it knows no boundaries, and provided the genesis for the IPI and the inspiration for this year's highly successful assembly.

The IPI and the OPC have many common denominators: overlapping memberships, an orientation towards global journalism, an interest in high journalistic standards, and a willingness to dedicate finances and personal efforts to maintain those standards.

Another binding tie is our enlistment in the continuing crusade to prevent the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization from imposing limitations on the collection and dissemination of news. Discussion of the UNESCO threats consumed a large number of hours, and appropriately so. The IPI and other groups of concerned journalists have been effective in getting UNESCO leaders to water down or break away from some of their early plans to get governments involved in the news-gathering process.

Many Third World countries have understandable complaints about what they believe to be inadequate coverage of some of the good things that are happening in their countries. They feel that international news agencies concentrate too much on murders, mayhem, floods and riots, and not enough on

building hospitals and serving school lunches.

The IPI took sympathetic note of these areas of dissatisfaction, but reiterated its sound position that the solution is not to get governments involved in deciding what is news. It is a pleasure to report to the OPC, known throughout the world as a fighter for the same goals, that the IPI has stood once again in the front lines of the battle.

Its stand was in keeping with long-established policies of defending journalists against paralytic strokes. A few years ago the IPI was instrumental in getting the Yuyitung brothers released from prison in Taiwan. They were Philippine newspapermen expelled by President Marcos and extradited to their family homeland. The brothers Yuyitung credit the IPI with saving their lives.

UNESCO's next meeting is next fall in Belgrade where these topics of press freedom will be raised again, and not necessarily resolved. Their resolution, however, will be more in keeping with the goals of free press fighters everywhere because of the continuing efforts of the IPI.

The Florence convention included reports, discussion and speeches about all areas of the world of journalism. But if it did nothing else but stay the hand of those who would manage news, the congregation of journalists who met on the banks of the Arno at the birthplace of the Renaissance will have served its purpose well.

The mutual mission of the International Press Institute and the Overseas Press Club of America is promoting a free and responsible press. Although there are miles to go before we reach our goal, the crusade is going in the right direction, thanks to the international efforts of an organization whose voice becomes stronger every year. The forum in Florence bore witness to this.

(Mr. Sargent, national editorial writer for *The Hearst Newspapers* and an active alternate on OPC's board of governors, represented both organizations at the IPI.)

New Members

ASSOCIATE NON-RESIDENT:
Thomas O'Neil

EAT, DRINK WITH US AT OPC!

Letters

HONG KONG — Don Wise of the *Far Eastern Economic Review* was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Hong Kong for the year which started May 30.

Wise succeeded Vicky Wakefield, the club's first woman president since its founding in Chungking, China, during World War II. Wakefield, who works for *UPI's* commodity news service, UNICOM, transferred from Hong Kong to Washington in June.

The Hong Kong Correspondents Club, with 984 members at the end of May, elected the following other officers:

Mike Keats, *UPI*, first vice president; Jim Viney, *South China Morning Post*, second vice president; and correspondent governors *Al Kaff*, *UPI*; Edith Lederer, *AP*; Hiroyuki Maruyama, *Tokyo Shimbun*; Michael Westlake *Far Eastern Economic Review*; David Lan, *Agence France Presse*; Fahmy Jowharsha, *CBS News*, and Humphrey Hudson, *Reuters*.

Nick Demuth of *Hong Kong Commercial Radio* was elected journalist governor, and new associate member governors are Tim Williams, Bank of America; Sheila Dennis, restaurateur, and Kenneth King, A.S. Watson & Co.

— *Al Kaff*

LONDON — One of the delights of coming to London is the Press Club in the International Press Centre in Shoe Lane just off Fleet Street where I worked many years, before the war for *The New York Times* and during and after for *International News Service*.

The Press Club is a particular boon for OPCers as it will give you an honorary membership card for the duration of your stay, by reciprocal agreement, and that's especially useful in inflated London today, now one of the most expensive cities. The club has an excellent restaurant for lunch and the prices are far below those in any comparable eating place here. And in the bar there are TV and all the day's papers—drinks are reasonable, too. There are news tickers, of course, and a battery of telephones. It's an ideal meeting place.

Speaking of overseas press clubs, another fine one is the Foreign Correspondents Club in Hong Kong, which also has an OPC reciprocal agreement. There you buy a book of chits to pay for food and drink.—*Thurston Macauley*
P.S. I'm happy to be reinstated as an OPCer, having joined in 1946 when I resigned from INS while covering the main Nuremberg Trial, including Goe-

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Letters

ZURICH — At a luncheon meeting with members of the International Press Institute located here, *Henry Gellermann*, OPC president on a visit to several European cities, declared that OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee, which monitored UNESCO's recent recommendations during the Paris meeting, "will oppose any actions which appear to undermine world press freedoms and journalistic standards."

In question are several recommendations in the study of communications problems to be placed before UNESCO's 35th General Conference in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, this fall. Its chairman is Sean MacBride of Ireland.

Gellermann said that "there are several parts of the report we find interesting and encouraging, but there are segments we strongly oppose because they would undermine press freedom and because they clearly favor government controls on the press."

"However," Gellermann said, "the OPC welcomes recommendations abolishing censorship and the importance of free access to news sources — regardless of whether they come from non-government sources or official spokesmen. The real communications problem stems from a lack of information for everyone."

While on his European trip, Gellermann met with OPC members in London, Bonn, Geneva and Zurich.

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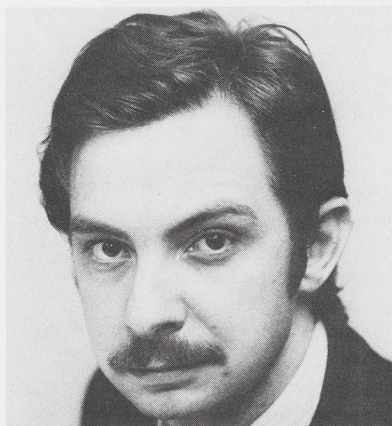
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ring's nine days on the witness stand, to join *Reader's Press* as editor. I owe OPC great thanks, for it was through the club I met my wife, who had returned from the Far East. Hester Hensell put a note in the Bulletin saying I'd be happy to see any manuscripts by OPCers or ideas for them. *Doris* brought in her book *Bread and Rice*, which we published! And our son Theodore, born in Vienna when I went back there for INS, now based in London with Pan Am, is also an OPC member. See you at the club in June!

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Doris and *Thurston Macauley*, in New York from London for reunion with *Thurston's* son Ian of *New York Times*, met at OPC bar with former INS colleagues *Sol Zatt* and *Ben Schechter*. *Thurston* just had article accepted by *International Herald Tribune* on Hotel Welcome, Villefrance-sur-Mer, on French Riviera, where the Macauleys have been going off and on for 32 years.

Spain's Press Pains



Juan Cebrian

Press freedom in Spain is being severely hampered by the present government and a proposed new press law will only make things worse. In addition, competition from a government-monopoly television operation and a government-owned newspaper chain are causing increasingly difficult economic problems for non-government papers.

This was the grim picture painted for an OPC luncheon group June 9th by Juan Cebrian, editor of Madrid's *El Pais*, rated one of the world's leading newspapers. He is under suspension by the government for an editorial defending another editor's right to free expression.

Despite guarantees in Spain's constitution of free expression by journalists, he said, the debate over the pending new press law keeps these guarantees from being enforced. Judicial activity against journalists is increasing, he noted, and in some cases military jurisdiction interferes with expression of opinion.

For economic reasons, *Informaciones*, a leading Madrid newspaper, has had to suspend and other newspapers in the same group are having severe economic problems, he said. While the privately-owned press suffers, he noted, a chain of government-operated newspapers, a hold-over from the Franco regime, costs the state considerable millions.

OPC AWARD WINNER

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Dwyer, of Buffalo, N.Y., was arrested last May 4 and accused of being a CIA agent. At last report she was being held in Tehran's Evin prison.

Rizvi's appeal for a stay to clean up business and personal affairs was denied, UPI editor H.L. Stevenson said, and he was told to get out by July 5.

LATE BULLETIN

COMPLAINTS about late receipt of the *Bulletin* come in as often as the *Bulletin* comes out. About other OPC mail, too. What can we tell you? We try our best at this end — and keep praying for return of the pony express. Mary Novick prays with us.

Successful woman author of 11 pop psychology books wants to get back into action of journalism... West Coast or Far East preferred, excellent on factgathering, features, getting the job done. Talented, used to own initiative completely. AB, I, OPC

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... and postscripts

If you'd like to combine work at sharpening your writing skills with a cool August vacation at Copper Mountain, Colorado...ask OPCer *Amelia Lobsenz*. She suggests the fourth annual Writers' Workshop, where you will benefit from talks with such as Allen Ginsberg on poetry; Robert Ward on TV and movie writing; Richard Price on novel writing; Abby Rand on travel writing; and I. William Berry on getting published.

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Celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary, *Elias Newman* and wife Judy (*Wall Street Transcript*) traveled by Amtrak's "San Francisco Zephyr" to board the "Royal Viking Sky" for a trans-Canal Caribbean/Mexico cruise. The National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic recently awarded him their Shiva Casein prize at their exhibit in the National Arts Club.

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Reassurance comes from *Edwin Kolsby*, just back from Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong on an art assignment for *Reader's Digest*, that Tony Paul, RD's roving editor in the Far East, does not have a beard as earlier reported, "merely an extremely strong chin."

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After a 16½-hour flight from Australia, *Jim Trullinger* stopped over in Johannesburg long enough to drop *Grace Naismith* a postcard and to say that he would be heading home (to Forest Hills) after a visit to Kruger National Park. He had earlier sent, from Canberra, a copy of the National Press Club's *Journal* which told its members "Where to go in New York." To the OPC, naturally, with which the Aussies have a reciprocal arrangement.

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Two OPC members and officers of Citibank have been named to head the bank's Public Affairs department. VP *Will Sparks* became director and *George Burns* VP and deputy director in June.

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American radio audiences will be hearing more Vienna-type operettas and waltzes in the near future, because of arrangements made in Austria with several organizations by Howard L. Kany on a visit just concluded for Broadcasting Foundation of America, distributor to 500 U.S. radio stations.

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Also on Kany's itinerary for program explorations: Geneva (European Broadcasting Union) and Cologne (Deutsche Welle).

Wilbur G. Landrey, foreign editor of *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times* on a six-week reporting trip in Europe, writing about the crisis in the Western Alliance. Also reporting to the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Seattle Times*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Denver Post* and *Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union*.

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John Parry has moved to the Charleston area of South Carolina, resuming business as public relations counsel and communications consultant, providing special editorial services for corporations. New address is 1039 Loyalist Lane, Mount Pleasant, S.C. 29464. Telephone (803) 881-0550. He formerly lived in Upper Montclair, N.J.

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Veteran *New York News* crime reporter *Pat Doyle* was honored at a luncheon on June 25 for long and faithful service to the newspaper profession—covering crime for 35 years. He is the only crime reporter to address an OPC luncheon, about three years ago.

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OPC'er *Walter Nelson*, who does his thing in London, was earlier reported here as having authored a thriller published in England as *The Minstrel Code* and in the U.S. as *Bloody Christmas*. Comes now word that the U.S. version will instead be called *The Siege of Buckingham Palace*. Nelson is the author of six non-fiction books. This is his first try at fiction.

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"Today I drove through this ancient Khyber Pass to Afghanistan border," *Elmer Lower* picture-postcards to *Grace Naismith*. "Met some affable Afghan soldiers. Also visited in Pakistan camp of Afghan refugees who are freedom fighters."

YACHT CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, July 18 – Cocktail Buffet on the shores of the East River (well, almost)...at the Commodore's residence.

Saturday, Aug. 23 – Luncheon rendezvous at the Larchmont Yacht Club.

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14 – Shelter Island revisited...clambake, overnighting and brunch in the works.

Saturday, Oct. 25 – Schreiberia on Five Mile River, Charlie and Joanne Schreiber hosting.

RSVP and info for all of the above: Commodore Howard L. Kany (212) 986-6448.

Roy Battersby Dies

Roy J. Battersby, longtime OPC member and active in the Silurians, died in New York of cancer June 9. He was 67.

A native of Brooklyn, Roy had worked as a reporter and editor for the *New York Herald Tribune*, the *News*, the *AP* and *NBC* and had been a combat correspondent with the Marine Corps in the Pacific.

In 1949 he joined the Hill & Knowlton public relations agency, becoming a vice president, board member and director of public relations. Since retirement from H&K several years ago he had freelanced.

He is survived by his wife and a brother, Harry.

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